

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1, 3-20 and 22-29, in which 24-27 are withdrawn. With this paper, claims 1, 3-8, 11-17, 22, 23, 28 and 29 are amended, claims 9, 10, 18-20 and 24-27 are canceled, and none are added. The application now includes claims 1, 3-8, 11-17, 22, 23, 28 and 29.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

The Office discovered that copies of the foreign patent documents JP 08-054976, JP 2000-105645 and JP 08-328725 are absent from the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 29, 2008. With this paper, the aforementioned documents are submitted. Consideration of the documents is respectfully requested.

**Restriction/Election**

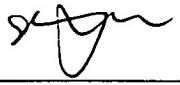
In the Office Action, the Office asserts that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species and requires an election of only one group of claims for examination:

- Species 1, drawn to a first implementation and embodiment of the method of the present invention (e.g. see Fig. 8; Page 16, Line 26)
- Species 2, drawn to a second implementation and embodiment of the method of the present invention (e.g. see Fig. 10; Page 18, Line 27)
- Species 3, drawn to a third implementation and embodiment of the method of the present invention (e.g. see Fig. 12; Page 19, Line 33)
- Species 4, drawn to a fourth implementation and embodiment of the method of the present invention (e.g. see Page 20, Lines 25-27)

Applicant hereby elects Species 1 for examination. The claims encompassing the elected Species 1 include claims 1, 3-8, 11-17, 22, 23, 28 and 29. All non-elected claims are canceled without prejudice. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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